

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1842

Introduced by Assembly Member Smyth

January 28, 2008

An act to add Article 3.3 (commencing with Section 5035) to Chapter 1 of Division 5 of the Public Resources Code, relating to parks.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1842, as introduced, Smyth. Santa Susana State Park.

Existing law authorizes 2 or more public agencies, if authorized by their legislative or other governing bodies, to enter into an agreement to jointly exercise any power common to the contracting parties. Existing law requires the Department of Parks and Recreation to operate, manage, and maintain units of the state park system.

This bill would authorize the formation of a joint powers entity, the Santa Susana State Park Joint Powers Authority (SSSPJPA), to be composed of the Department of Parks and Recreation, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District, the County of Los Angeles, the County of Ventura, the City of Los Angeles, and the City of Simi Valley. The authority would be authorized to establish the Santa Susana State Park in Ventura County.

The bill would establish that the SSSPJPA would not assume any responsibility or liability for costs associated with the necessary cleanup of pollution or remediation of other environmental problems that exist as of January 1, 2009, or that may thereafter arise, on any property acquired for the Santa Susana State Park using state funds.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Article 3.3 (commencing with Section 5035) is added to Chapter 1 of Division 5 of the Public Resources Code, to read:

Article 3.3. Santa Susana State Park

5035. (a) The following entities may create the Santa Susana State Park Joint Powers Authority (SSSPJPA) pursuant to Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 6500) of Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code:

- (1) Department of Parks and Recreation.
- (2) Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.
- (3) Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District.
- (4) County of Los Angeles.
- (5) County of Ventura.
- (6) City of Los Angeles.
- (7) City of Simi Valley.

(b) The purpose of the SSSPJPA is to establish the Santa Susana State Park in Ventura County.

(c) A member of the SSSPJPA from the city of Los Angeles or Simi Valley or the county of Los Angeles or Ventura shall be an elected representative of the district where the park is to be located or that elected representative's designee.

5035.3. In developing the Santa Susana State Park, the SSSPJPA shall do all of the following:

(a) Incorporate the geographical territory known as the Santa Susana Field Laboratory in Ventura County, including all of the property owned by the Boeing Corporation.

(b) Incorporate neighboring parcels.

(c) Include in the master plan the construction of hiking, biking, and horse trails, picnic areas, educational exhibits, interpretative structures, and restroom facilities.

(d) Include in the master plan a strategy to preserve any viable historical artifacts to document the historical significance of the Santa Susana Field Laboratory site.

(e) Phase in different parcels of the park for use by the public until every parcel is open as a completed park. Each parcel phased in shall be accessible to the public and ready to operate on the date

1 by which the phase-in occurs. The first phase-in shall occur no
2 later than 10 months after the formation of the SSSPJPA. Each
3 subsequent phase-in shall occur no later than 12 months after the
4 prior phase-in, until the park is completed.

5 5035.4. The SSSPJPA shall not assume responsibility or
6 liability for costs associated with the necessary cleanup of pollution
7 or remediation of other environmental problems that exist as of
8 January 1, 2009, or that may thereafter arise, on any property
9 acquired for the Santa Susana State Park using state funds.

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